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CHILE has expelled seven West Europeans arrested on Sunday and accused of causing a public disturbance. They were detained with 28 Chileans after attending a

Reagan wants wider CIA surveillance on Americans

PRESIDENT REAGAN is planning to relax restrictions placed on the Central Intelligence Agency by President Carter in 1978 so that it can step up its spying on Americans.

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The Reagan administration "has launched an intensive study of legal and other barriers to intelligence operations to see if some can be removed by the summer to combat terrorism", agency deputy director Bobby Inman said in a rare public briefing at agency headquarters in Washington yesterday.

Plans include expanding authority for the agency to use break-ins, physical surveillance and covert infiltration of United States groups and businesses.

Admiral Inman said terrorist activities and 'a changing world' required a re-examination of the inhibition on intelligence gathering in the United States.

Senator Barry Goldwater, chairman of the senate intelligence committee, said the proposed revisions were under study and that the CIA would brief members of his panel tomorrow.

Sources said the new intelligence proposal was designed not only to curb terrorism but also to improve leak investigations and the agency's ability to evaluate foreign economic developments.

Admiral Inman objected to published accounts of the study which he said had raised "great worries," within the government and among the public, about changes in agency operations.

Many operations were scaled down, some by court orders, during the Ford and Carter administrations.

All United States intelligence agencies now operate under an executive order signed by Mr Carter in January 1978. That order, which relaxed some restrictions imposed by president Gerald Ford in a 1976 executive order, barred the CIA and other United States intelligence agencies from conducting domestic operations that fell under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Ford-Carter restrictions were clamped on the CIA after revelations that the agency had been spying on domestic anti-Vietnam war groups and opening the mail of United States citizens in the 1960s — in spite of it having been established to gather intelligence abroad.